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Serial Nos. 1-4

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-4

~~Part~~ In B for Nov-03.

SUBJECT.

Construction of partition Walls ~~to the~~ and out-houses to the disused mosque at Santeberemur, Chennagiri Taluq.

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Mysore Govt Revenue Genl Secretariat

~~Office of the Dewan of Mysore.~~

File No. (if any) L 7265-96.

Direction.

No., date and purport of receipts to be entered in red, and office note in black ink in order of dates.—To be written only on one side, and inside the line of margin.

Office Note.

Branch Local Boards.

Subject Construction of partition walls and out houses to the disused Mosque at Santebennur, Chennagiri Taluk with a view to convert it into a Musafir Khana.

Ch Engrs No 3493 d 3.7.03.

At Santebennur there is a fine building, in appearance like a Mosque, which is being used by the travelling public and maintained out of District Funds from 1897-1898. This building is built of large stones dressed finely and covered over with slabs and concrete. In front of this building there is a ~~tank~~ beautiful pond (253 x 247 feet) built of cut stones. The building and the pond which were built at a very heavy cost several years ago by the then rulers of that part of the country are in good State of repair.

2 At the instance of the D C cum of the Shimoga District, the Executive Engineer of the Shimo

has prepared an estimate for Rs 2,647 for walling up three arches on either side of the building and to attach Caste and European Kitchens, and stables to it for the use of the travelling public (Vide plan).

3 On the Estimate being submitted to the Supg Engr (Mr Nagarkar) he observed as follows:-

"It (the building in question) is an old work of some archeological interest and it cannot be meddled with without Government sanction"

"It (to convert the building into a ~~Mosque~~ Musafirkhana by walling up the arches) is a doubtful economy. It will destroy the present structure and will not make a comfortable Musafirkhana."

and called upon the Executive Engineer to shew any authority to interfere with the building as it is of archeological interest.

On the Ex Engr making a reference to the Deputy Comr, ~~he~~ Mr Puttanna chetty referred the Ex Engr to the orders of G. I.

Extract attached to Fy's memo

No 4099 1154/129 dt the 27th Aug stating "that the Govt consider inadvisible to disturb the existing practice under which the building in question was used for secular purposes" and No 9977-8 dt 6th March 1897 appointing a Caretaker on Rs 5 for this building (Styling it Mussafirkhana) and ordering its maintenance from Distt. Funds, and also stated as below"

Vide 2 5 in the file. (Hagit)

" The intention of Govt in regard to this building can be easily gathered from the above communications. Undersigned thinks that the Archeological interest of the building will not in any way suffer by the proposed improvement of utilisation character. Begs that the Supg Engr may be moved to sanction the work early."

4 In the Distt Fund Budget of the Shimoga Circle for 1902-03 a provision of Rs 1000 had been sanctioned under "A. Public Works" for Reserve" for "Construction Kitchen

and walling one living of
Sirkhana at Saute bennur
The Supg Engr; Western Circle,
† No 2143 07/29/5/03 †forwarding the estimate with copy
of the Dy Comrs communication abo
referred to requesting early Sanction
to the estimate so that he may
work out the allotment of Rs 100
above was mentioned

5. The Chief Engineer solicits
orders of Govt in the Genl Depts
in the matter and adds as follows
" The Mosque and stepped well
at Saute bennur have been or-
dered by Government to be
conserved in their present Condi
tion', in connection with the pre
servation of objects of antiqua
rian interest in Mysore. I would
invite your attention to this Offic
No 666 of 12th February 1892 abou
this building and shall feel
obliged by your ordering the
early return of the original
papers hereunto forwarded".

6 Neither the chief Engineers'
letter of 12.2.1892 nor the order

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of. Govt No 4154/179 d. 27.8.18.,
are forthcoming in the
records of this Office. (Vide remarks
made by the Govt and Ver records
on the 'Requisition Slip' for these
papers.). May the Ch Engr be
requested to send Copies of his
letter of. 12.2.1892 and the order
of. Government thereon?

This has been obtained & put up. Please see linked file put up. Hqrs B & L.

"The following is an extract
from Rice's Gazetteer, Revised
Edition Vol II Page 469 referring
to the building and pond in question.

"Hanumappa Naik Nayak, one
of the chiefs, erected a palace at
Sante Bennur, and had a skil-
fully-constructed kunda or reser-
voir made in front of the ancient
temple of Ranganatha, faced round
with flights of steps, and with
ornamental pavilions at the
angles and in the centre. The one
in the middle, called the Vasanta
mantapa, had a fountain play-
ing from the top. After the
capture of Basavapatna the
town was taken by the Musal-
man forces of Bijapur, under
Randulla Randulla Khan, who

who destroyed the temple
erected in its place a mosq
of very large dimensions. Hanu-
mappa Nayak, who had been
forced to retire to Sarikere and
Kaldurga, was greatly incensed
at this, and watching his oppor-
tunity, planned a night attack,
in which he put to death the
Muhammadan governor, and
desecrated the mosque with the
blood of kogs, pulling out a
stone from the walls of each
compartment. × × ×.
The Mosque, never used since
its desecration, and the Jhonda,
with its ruinous but graceful
pavilions, are the only points
of interest now left."

8. It appears that during the Dewanship
of the late Mr Ponnaya the
Musjid (the building in question)
was divided into three compartments
by closing the Archways both inside
and in front. This spoiled the
beauty of the building and made
it ill ventilated. These brick
walls were, therefore, ordered to be
removed and the building restored to its
original state. Submitted to Secty
for

Figs D, E, & F
in the linked file.

Org 5/8/03. HR

for orders. In connection with the present
estimate the Chief Engineer requests
the return of the papers sent
with his letter No. 666 of 12th February
1892. The General ~~Record~~ & Vernacular
Records say that the file is not forthcoming
Please see the requisition slips.

DB
12/8/03

I proposed the alterations & additions when I was in Shimoga. The building will certainly not suffer by them partitions being properly put in: but it is sure to do so if left in its open state as at present. Draft permitting the alterations is submitted.

14/8/03

H.V.H
D.g 14/8
Drafted HHH
14.8.03

The Dewan through the 2nd Councillor.

Please obtain the order of the Dewan. In case the alterations proposed are sanctioned & presume the D.P.W. will bear the cost of carrying them out.

18/8/03

Thanks. I see the cost is to be borne by the D.F. Board of the Shimoga L.D. Circle. D.g 10/8/03

12365
19.8.03

Resubmitted. Please see para 4 of the note. The cost is intended to be met from the D.F. of the Shimoga L.D. Circle. D.g 10/8/03

18/8/03

The Dewan was pleased to
the following order on the office draft.

Please ask the Chief Engineer's
opinion regarding the work now proposed
to be carried out and whether it is in-
compatible with the original intention of
"being conserved in their present condition"
and whether it will interfere with the
architectural aspect of the building"

The Chief Engineer having been
consulted as above, that Officer now
~~Sr~~ forwards copy of a letter from the
Director of Archeological Researches,
from which it would appear that
the Mosque itself is too Substantial
to suffer if left as it is, but the pavi-
lions at the Mouth will not last
unless something is done to preserve
them. The Director recommends their
on the ground of their artistic & antiq-
uarian interest and states that the
utilitarian object of a Museum could
can well be met by a separate erection
at some other site near. He
is further of opinion that the exca-
tions now proposed will undoubt-
edly disfigure the building and

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the pond and interfere with their ar-
tectural effect.

The Chief Engineer add that the Dy Commissioner may be instruct-
ed to see to the preservation of the
building and the Honda, the cost
of any repairs required thereto being
defrayed from the P.W. Budget.

Submitted for orders.

Dy 17/10/03

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Yr orders accordy

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Extracts from the Proceedings of the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore for August 1887

Part II General

84. In the case of Muhammed Ali and others ~~vs~~ Despondi Venkoba Rao and others regarding the Masjid and Houda at Sankebennur in the Chennagiri Taluk the Deputy Commissioner of the Shimoga District was informed that the Government consider it inadvisable to disturb the existing practice, under which the building in question was used for secular purposes. No 4154-129. 27 Aug 1887

Pt II. Public Works.

Buildings

1. The estimate for repairing the Mosque at Sankebennur was returned to the Deputy Commissioner Shimoga District, duly sanctioned for Rs 419, with copy of orders passed by the Govt on the subject, to the effect that it is undesirable to disturb the existing practice under which the building is used for secular purposes — Communicated to the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division — No 3363-64. 19 Sept 1887

X

Read:-

Letter No 31/93 dt the 3rd July 1903 from the Chief Engineer of Mysore Stating that the Supdg Engr, Western Circle, submits an estimate for Rs 2647 for constructing partition walls and out houses to the disused Mosque (Chamagiri Hanumali) at Santebennur, Taluk with a view to convert it into a Musafirkhana, as proposed by the Dy Comr, Shimoga Dist, and Soliciting orders in the matter, as the Mosque in question & the steps well at in front of it have been ordered by Govt to "be Conserved in their present Condition" in connection with the preservation of objects of antiquarian interest in Mysore

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Order thereon. No 47

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Govt

Govt are of opinion
that the building will
not suffer by the proposed
partitions being put in
and, therefore, direct that
the alterations proposed
by the Ex Engr be carried
out

Secretary
Dy 14/8
15/8

Dy
17/8/03

To
The Chief Engineer
of Bijapore returning
the enclosures

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Remarks
the Chief Engineers
opinion regarding
the work can
be carried out &
whether it is
in consultation
with the original
intention of the
sewerage &
their treatment
and whether
will interfere with
the architectural
aspect of the tower

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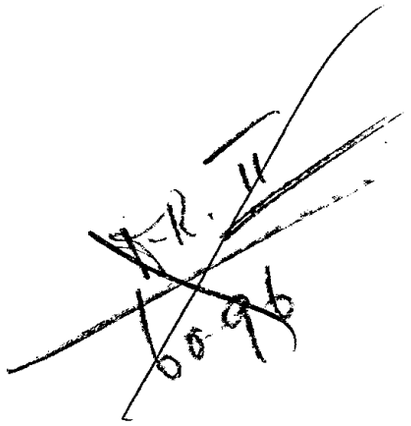

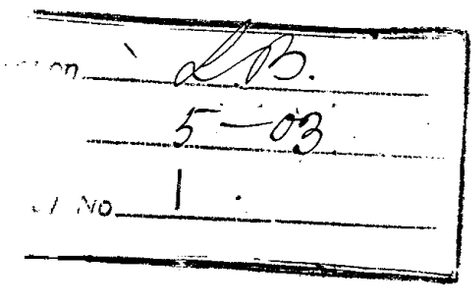

From W. McCutchion Esq M.S.C.E. Chief Engineer of Mysore.

To H.V. Nanjundayya Esq M.A.S. Mch. Secy to the Govt of Mysore Jenl & Rev: Depts.

Dated Bangalore 3.7.03.

Despatched

Received 9/9/03

General No. 3493

No.

1 S.S.R. 214 3 Sept 8/03
1 Report
1 Estimate
1 Plan
1 Copy of R.C. & 364 dt 8/3/03

Enclosure No. 5

Submitting for orders of Govt in Jenl dept, an Estimate Amtg to Rs 2,647 for Constg. partition walls & out-houses to the disused Mosque at Sankebennur in Channagiri Taluk. —

Ref to Govt in Jenl Dept No 1037 dated 9/9/03

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Ans 6/7/03
H.V.N
Sd 4/7/03

Note for orders
23.7.03.

Ref to Govt in Jenl Dept No 1037

Mysore Public Works Depa...

Central Office

No. 3493

Dated Bangalore 3rd [illegible] 1903.

From,

W.Mc Hutchin Esquire,M.I.C.E.

Chief Engineer of Mysore.

To,

H.V.Nunjundaiyya Esquire M.A,M.L.

Secretary to Government of Mysore

General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings No.9977-8 825 L.F.265-96 dated 6th March/97. I have the honor to forward,for orders of Government in the General Department,docket No.2143 29th May /03 from the Superintending Engineer Western Circle, submitting an estimate amounting to Rs.2,647 for constructing partition walls and out-houses to the disused Mosque at Sante--bennur in Channagiri Taluk,with a view to convert it into a Musafirkhana,as proposed by the Deputy Commissioner.The Mosque and stepped well at Santebennur have been ordered by Government to "be conserved in their present condition",, in connection with the preservation of objects of antiquarian interest in Mysore.I would invite your attention to this office No.666 of 12th Febru--ary /02 1892? about this building and shall feel obliged by your ordering the early return of the original papers there with forwarded.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. McHutchin

Chief Engineer of Mysore P.W.D.

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FROM W. McHutchin Esqr. M.I.C.E.
THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE

To N. V. Nanjundayya Esqr. M.A.
Secretary to the Govt: of Mysore
General & Revenue -
Departments -

Dated 7th October
Despatched 7th October
Received
General No. 5411
No.

Enclosure No.

I forwarding for information copy of letter from the Director of Archaeological Researches regarding the proposed improvements to the disused mosque at Santebennur in Chennagiri Taluk

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K. Moody
Orig 9/10/03

~~Camp No.~~ No 5411

Mysore P. W. Dept.
Central Office

~~Camp Nagara 3rd October 1903~~
Bangalore 7th October 1903

Sir,

W. M. Hutchin Esquire, M. & C.E.,
Chief Engineer of Mysore

&

A. V. Narayanadasiya Esq. M.A. & M.L.,
Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness
the Maharajah of Mysore,
Finance & Revenue Depts.

Sir,

(207)
1037

With reference to your No 1037-/Dept. 265-96 dated 15th Augt. requesting to favor with my opinion as to whether the proposed improvements to the desired Mosque at Sanjeevanna in Chennagere Taluk will interfere with the Architectural Aspect of the building, - I have the honor to forward herewith for information a copy of letter No. 2166 dt. 15th September 1903 received from the Director of Archæological Researches on the subject and to state that I concur in the opinion therein expressed by Mr. Rice. The Deputy Commissioner may be kindly instructed to see to the preservation of the building and the Hindu the cost of any repairs required thereto being defrayed on the P.W. Budget

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt Servt.

W. M. Hutchin

Chief Engineer of Mysore.

A.H.

Letter no. 2166 of 15th September 1903,
from the Director of Archaeological
Researches to the Chief Engineer of Mysore.

I have the honor to reply to your letter no. 4983 of the 9th instant, the enclosures of which are herewith returned.

2. The mixed mosque at Sante Bennur is a building of the 17th Century, constructed out of the materials of a Hindu temple that occupied the same site. It is of interest as a unique specimen of Pathan Architecture remaining in Mysore, and its proportions are more on the scale of mosques in Bijapur and Northern India than those usually seen in this State. The stone work is remarkably good. Soon after erecting it is said to have been desecrated in revenge by the Tanchore Chief, and whether it was ever actually used for worship seems doubtful.

There is in front of it a fine Kunda or large stepped pond, which was formed by the Hindu Chiefs, with Mantapas in the Centre

and at the Angles and sides. On these the Musalman Conquerors erected pavilions of elegant design, now mostly in ruins. Social arrangements were also made for keeping the Honda supplied with water, and for the playing of fountains.

3. The Mosque was of brick and head, used on one occasion by Sir Mark Cubbon to hall in when on tour, and its situation between the Sasalu Naranay Station and Anekere is no doubt very convenient for the purpose. But, as the Executive remark it will not make a comfortable Dak Bungalow and the alteration necessary to convert it into one will destroy the interest of the ancient building being a measure of doubtful economy.

4. The Mosque itself is too substantial to suffer if left as it is, but the pavilions at the Honda will not last unless something is done

Mysore Govt. Genl. & Rev. Secretariat

Branch

Office Draft.

Prógs. of the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

File No. (if any) and its date—

5—03.

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No 21660/15/7/03

Read:

Correspondence ending with letter No. 5411 dy. 7th October 1903 from the Chief Engineer of Mysore forwarding a copy of a letter from the Director of Archæological Researches in regard to the preservation of the ancient mosque at Santebennur in the Chanagiri Taluk

Order:

Copies of the Chief Engineer's letter read above & of its enclosure will be forwarded to the Dy. Commissioner, Shimoga & he will be requested that he will see to the preservation of the building and the Honda referred to in the letter read above the cost of any repairs required thereto being defrayed from the P. W. Budget.

Rv 1815—17
L.F. 265—96 14/11/03

Recd. at D.C. Shimoga.

14/11/03.

For Secretary.

To The Chief Engineer for Comm. Shimoga &c.